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Three Kinds of Paper

This issue of the EVANGELIST is printed on three different kinds of paper,—three in quality, in size, and in weight. Our order for paper was not filled in time, and we were compelled to use "odds" left over in the office, and to make up the required amount the "Times" kindly furnished us several reams.

The Angelus

Thru an error in making up, the last three numbers of the *Angelus* are dated March instead of May. The dates run March 6, March 13, March 20: when it should be May 6, May 13, May 20. Schools will please make a note of this. The papers are not old ones, they are not dated as they should have been.

The Three Thousand

Nothing has been said concerning the 3,000 for several weeks. That does not mean that we have reached the number, nor does it mean that we have given up hope. The financial part of the EVANGELIST will never be on a proper basis until it has reached the 3,000 mark. We expect to put an agent in the field the first week in June who is to give his entire attention to the work of the Publishing House. Announcement next week.

The Quarterly for this Quarter

We are entirely out of Brethren Quarterlies for the present quarter, but have left about 200 Youth's Quarterlies, and a few Lesson Leaves. The Leaves are same as Brethren Quarterlies. Orders for Brethren Quarterlies will be filled with Lesson Leaves as long as the stock lasts.

Educational Number

Elsewhere we speak editorially of the Educational number of the EVANGELIST to be issued for the first week in June. It will be mailed May 31. The names of the contributors to this number will be made known later.

Tracts, Pamphlets and Books

For sometime our stock of tracts has been running very low, and we have found it impossible to fill orders satisfactorily with what was left on our shelves. Within the last two or three weeks we have,

however, been reprinting old tracts and adding new ones to the list, but the work is only fairly begun, and will be sometime yet before we can offer a full line of tracts to our customers. All publications of the Board, such as tracts, pamphlets, and booklets will be classed under three different heads as follows:

I. Tracts

Under the head of tracts will be included all leaflets and small four page tracts, such as "Baptism—What Is It?" etc. Of this class we have ready and can fill orders promptly:—

No. 1. Baptism—What Is It? By A D Gnagey. More than 15,000 of these tracts have been sold. It contains a diagram on fourth page showing at a glance the mode of baptism which has the Bible in its favor. Price 25 cents per 100 copies; 5 cents per dozen.

No. 2. Twelve Facts. This is a leaflet and will be found an excellent thing for distribution where church members are given to worldly pleasures and amusements. It is a new tract. Price 15 cents per 100 copies; 50 copies 10 cents.

No. 3. Tobacco. This is a leaflet prepared by brother Marcus A Witter, the best brief treatment of the subject we have ever seen. Strictly new and original, no old arguments restated. It gives ten scriptural reasons why Christians should not use tobacco, and adds five more for preachers. This leaflet should be widely circulated. It will do much good. Price 15 cents per 100 copies; 50 copies 10 cents.

No. 4. Licensed Saloons. This is a reprint of a former tract which has had a wide sale. You will find it an excellent thing for general distribution. It will make saloon keepers either mad or drive them out of the business. Price 15 cents per 100 copies; 50 copies 10 cents.

Others will be added to this list within the next few weeks. We shall be glad to receive orders for the above tracts.

II. Teachings of Jesus

Under this head will be classed all tracts of four pages, larger size, and above that number of pages. The general title will be "Teachings of Jesus," for all of them, but the thought or the contents of each tract will be expressed by a special title. For example: The tract entitled, "The Conclusion of the Whole Matter," by Brother Talley is issued under the general head of the "Teachings of Jesus." This enables the Board to mail all the tracts in this one series as second class matter, and thus pay one cent per pound instead of eight cents. The following in this series are ready:

Vol. 1. No. 1.—"Feetwashing," a four page tract. Price 30 cents per 100 copies; 25 copies 10 cents.

Vol. 1. No. 2.—"Conclusion of the Whole Matter," by J O. Talley. A twelve page tract in story form covering the doctrines peculiar to the Brethren church. The second edition of 4,000 each has been issued. Price 60 cents per 100 copies; per dozen, 10 cents.

Vol. 1, No. 3.—"The Law of Baptism," by Elder J. B. Wampler. A sixteen page tract and cover, twenty pages. An excellent tract, and should have a wide circulation. It is a biblical and historical treatment of the subject of baptism. Price \$1.25 per 100 copies; per dozen, 25 cents. Other tracts and pamphlets will be added to this series as time and means will permit.

III. The Brethren Library

The reader will not have forgotten the announcement made at last Conference of the Eight Booklets to be issued during the year. The titles of the whole series have been published a number of times, and we need not repeat them here only as they are issued. The series will come under the general head of "The Brethren Library," and entered as second class matter, mailable at one cent per pound. Vol. 1, No. 1 will be ready soon. The uniform price of the books will be ten cents each or 50 cents for the eight booklets.

Literary Notes

There will be five issues of *The Youth's Companion* in the month of May. Among the contributors will be Sir Norman Lockyer, who has written for the May 3d number an article full of information about the coming total eclipse of the sun; United States Attorney General John W. Griggs, who tells "Something About Lawyers;" Prof. C. A. Young, who has a timely paper on "Astronomical Photography;" and the Hon. Hannis Taylor, formerly United States Minister to Spain, who describes the state of affairs "In Madrid Before the War." The fiction in the May numbers will be noteworthy. William D. Howells and Mary E. Wilkins each contributes a short story, there will be at least one serial story, and twenty brief tales of adventure by popular writers.

Not many of our younger generation remember the hard fight that was fought for and against the opening of the gates of the Centennial Exhibition on Sunday. The discussion of the matter in connection with the American exhibit this year in Paris, revives memories a quarter of a century ago, when the Centennial Commission met to reconsider their earlier decision to close the Centennial on Sunday. The story of the fight is one of absorbing interest. The tide of battle seemed at one time to be all in one direction, and again to sweep strongly the other way. The climax, when the vote was taken, was an impressive one, and never to be forgotten.

H. Clay Trumbull tells the story of this dramatic occurrence in the *Sunday School Times* of April 28. He was in close intimacy and consultation with General Hawley, President of the Commission, and with several others of its members, during the entire time that the settlement of the affair was in progress.

"Pictorial Chautauqua," a descriptive pamphlet, and the catalog of the Chautauqua summer schools for 1900 have just been issued. The Assembly for 1899 marked the beginning of the second quarter of a century of the Chautauqua movement, and the attendance at the Assembly for the summer showed a total increase of 20 per cent., being the largest recorded in its history. At this session over two hundred and fifty four (254) separate lectures, entertainments and public exercises might have been attended by an individual holding a five-dollar ticket—an average cost of less than two cents for each exercise, while two thousand, two hundred and sixty-two (2262) students pursued one hundred and six (106) courses under seventy-two (72) instructors in the summer schools.

Over two hundred and sixty thousand (260,000) students and fifty thousand (50,000) graduates have taken advantage of the Chautauqua reading courses, the area of its influence embracing every state and territory in the Union, for it has penetrated almost every city, town, village and many foreign countries. More than sixty Chautauqua Assemblies are held in thirty one different states with an aggregate annual attendance of more than half a million of people. The fact that the membership of the C. L. S. C. for the current year has increased more than 50 per cent and the number of circles formed more than 25 per cent. over that of the previous year, offers striking proof that the Chautauqua idea of self-education is not waning.

The coming Assembly from present indications, will surpass even that of last year in richness of program, scope of educational courses and variety of entertainment.

Among the interesting features of the May number of *The Chautauquan* are the following: "China and the Far Eastern Question," C. H. Hastings; "American Birds in American Poetry," M. R. Silsby; "The Case of Ghasly' Burke," a short story, William Futhey Gibbons; "Reaching the Masses by House Visitation," Hugh Cork; "The King of Beaver Island," illustrated, Henry E. Legler; "Pigeon Post," verse, Jay Lincoln; "Early History of Maternal As-